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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EWWT, MZ, KE, TZ, MP, MZ  
SUBJECT: SOVIET SHIPPING PRESENCE IN EAST AFRICA

REF: STATE 63826

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL SHIPPING AGENT, BALTIC SHIPPING COMPANY HAS INCREASED ACTIVITY ALONG EAST AFRICAN COAST. SHIPS OF THIS COMPANY CALL AT NACALA AND BEIRA AT THE AVERAGE RATE OF TWICE PER MONTH. CALLS TO MAPUTO ARE LESS FREQUENT SINCE MAPUTO MAINLY HANDLES MINERALS FOR SHIPMENT TO WESTERN COUNTRIES. ACCORDING AGENT, BALTIC OFFERS RATES FORTH PERCENT LOWER THAN THOSE OF THE CONFERENCE LINES.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH BEIRA SHIPPING AGENT IN DECEMBER, EMBOFF WAS TOLD THAT SOVIET SHIPS CARRY CARGO ORIGINATING IN PORTS SUCH AS BREMEN, ROTTERDAM, AND THE UK. MOST OF THE GENERAL CARGO HANDLED BY THESE SHIPS IS DESTINED FOR TRANSHIPMENT TO ZAMBIA AND MALAWI. UNTIL MOZAMBIQUE CLOSED ITS BORDERS WITH RHODESIA, SOME OF THE CARGO CARRIED BY SOVIET SHIPS WAS DESTINED FOR RHODESIA, ACCORDING TO THIS AGENT.

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